

Village Forum

Naval Station Great Lakes
Housing Newsletter Jan/Apr 2005



April Showers Bring May Flowers

Are you aware of the Great Lakes Preschool Program? During the year of 1968, a group of parents and chaplains worked hard together and formed our cooperative preschool program. This program offers you, the parent, an opportunity to be involved with your child's education. As a parent helper you select a day to come in and assist our teachers. Enrollment is open to dependents of active duty service members, retirees

and DOD personnel. Ages range from 3 years old to 5 years old. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am. to 11:30 am. Classes begin in September continuing through May. We are located in Bldg 153 on Camp Barry (near the Rhynish Bowling Center). Our office hours are from 8:00 am. until 12:00 pm. You can reach us at (847) 688-1291 to make an appointment.

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Great Lakes Family Housing Department's 2005 Phone Listing

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Family Housing News

Family Housing Department Awarded CEL Real Estate "A" List Award

On Thursday, 27 January 2005, at the Professional Housing Management Association Conference held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado, the Great Lakes Family Housing Department was recognized and awarded with the CEL Real Estate "A" List Award for outstanding customer service provided to residents occupying government housing within the Great Lakes family housing neighborhoods of Mainside and Hospital Cove. The CEL Real Estate "A" List Award for Customer Service Excellence is presented to Navy housing activities considered the best in the industry for their ability to provide high quality customer service throughout their family housing neighborhoods. This marks the second year in a row that the Family Housing Department has been honored as a recipient of the CEL "A" List Award.

Family Housing Referral Service Receives Recognition as AHRN Test Site

As one of only two Navy Family Housing activities with CONUS selected to participate in

theRunzheimer International's DoD sponsored Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) Program, the Great Lakes Family Housing Referral Service was presented with a plaque in appreciation for promoting the Internet accessible Off-base Civilian Community Housing Program.

Naval Station, Great Lakes Civilian of the Year

Two Federal service civilian employees of the Great Lakes Family Housing Department were nominated and selected during the 4th Quarter of FY 2005 as Naval Station, Great Lakes, Civilian of the Year. One employee (Mr. Emmette Patterson) was selected as the Supervisor of the Year, and the other (Ms. Cheryl Johnson) was selected in the Non-Supervisory category.

Great Lakes Family Housing Privatization

Great Lakes family housing residents looking to find information regarding the Department of Defense's Military Housing Privatization Program, can obtain information concerning this initiative via the Internet at www.acq.osd.mil/housing or

Great Lakes Police Department, recently relocated to Bldg 179 (behind the Armed Forces Bank on Mainside).

Badges and Passes can be picked up in Bldg 6130 (near Fleet Family and Support Services on Mainside). Hours of operation are from 7:00am. to 6:00 pm.

www.housing.navy.mil/ppv/.

Updated Contact Information

There are many reasons that the Family Housing Department may need to contact you regarding your residency in quarters. It often is not as easy as it sounds to reach a military resident or family member if the telephone contact numbers we have on file are outdated. Phone numbers change, as do duty locations. If we have to go through your command to contact you, it can be very time consuming. Please remember that keeping your work and home phone numbers up-to-date allows us to contact you right away if there is a need to do so.

Housing Units “East” of Great Lakes Drive

By Cheri Tousignant
Housing Manager

ABSENCE FROM QUARTERS

Spring is here, and travel periods will increase for most of us. If you must leave your housing unit unoccupied for a period longer than two weeks, you are required to provide information to the Family Housing Department Office as to how you may be contacted in the event of an emergency. This can be done by filling out a form here at our office and submitting it to your area manager. In addition, you must notify Great Lakes Police Department (GLPD) of your plans. Although we do not guarantee safety and security of your unit from break-ins, vandalism, etc., we will inform GLPD of your absence to ensure that periodic house checks are accomplished. Leaving a low-wattage light on inside which will be visible from the front and back of the house, preferably on a timer, creates the impression that someone is home. This discourages prowlers, thieves and vandals. Don't forget that the military member is responsible for ensuring that lawn care (mowing, snow removal, etc.) is accomplished during periods of absence. Always remember to suspend mail delivery service with the Post Office, or make arrangements for someone to retrieve mail from your quarters. Military members who are absent from their housing unit

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

in excess of 90 days must receive written approval from the Director, Family Housing Department, to avoid termination of their housing assignment. (This does not include official military deployment, in which case a copy of the deployment orders must be provided to Family Housing Department Office.)

PERSONAL AIR CONDITIONERS

With warm weather on the way, you may decide that you wish to install window air conditioners in your unit. You will need to provide a written request to the Family Housing Department Office and obtain approval for the installation. The installation must be in accordance with standards utilizing *existing unmodified* 110V electrical outlets. If an extension board is needed to support your air conditioner in a window, the board must be painted white or the color of the building. Air conditioners may not be attached to the siding of the house.

GREAT LAKES POST OFFICE

We wish to remind our incoming residents to fill out a change of address form upon time of arrival. This can be obtained from your local Post Office, ensuring that mail is sent to your new mailing address.

This would assist in affording you timely and accurate mail delivery. Keep in mind, it is just as important, to notify the Post Office at least 6 weeks prior to your departure allowing your mail to be forwarded properly. The Family Housing Department Office provides a monthly list of vacant housing units to the Great Lakes Post Office, but legally we cannot provide them with names and addresses of our residents. Your cooperation in notifying the Post Office of your arrival departure is the most secure way of assuring outstanding mail delivery service.

YARD AREAS

Spring has finally arrived! This is a great time to spruce up our homes. All residents are requested to pick up debris and leaves that have blown up against the perimeter of the fenced areas. Dog feces and yard waste should be bagged and disposed of in biodegradable Kraft paper bags. The burning of yard waste and rubbish is prohibited in the family housing villages.

Housing Units "West" of Great Lakes Drive, including Brick Row, Mainside, and Nimitz and Halsey Villages

By Ned Schmidkonz
Housing Manager

YARD CARE

Spring is here and the time is now to get your yard areas ready for summer. Yard of the Month competition will be keen so getting an early start on lawn maintenance can go a long way towards having a nice looking yard area. Weeding, grass mowing, hedge trimming, and leaf removal are all important and should be done on a regular basis. Residents should remember that lawn conditions vary throughout the spring and summer. Weather plays a major factor in determining when to cut your lawn and how short it should be cut. Generally your earliest cuts should be your shortest and as the weather gets warmer, the grass should not be cut as short. Bio-degradable bags, the brown paper type, can be purchased locally at many hardware stores. Bagged items can include small twigs, grass/hedge clippings, and leaves. Please do not put dirt or tree branches into the yard waste bags. Tree branches should be cut into 3 foot lengths and should be tied and bundled. Remember that yard care is not only important for determining Yard of the Month competitions, it is a requirement of each resident living in family housing facilities at Great Lakes. Please consult

your area managers if you have any questions.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

As the weather heats up and summer gets closer, it will be time to get those recreational vehicles (RV'S, BOATS, POP-UP TRAILERS) out of storage and ready to go. Residents should remember that recreational items, such as those mentioned above, are not to be parked in family housing areas. The Recreational Vehicle Storage Lots are the designated places for residents to store all recreational vehicles, including hobby cars. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office manages the Recreational Vehicle Storage Lots and is the office for residents to visit in order to reserve space and pay rental fees. The number for the MWR office is (847) 688-2110. Residents should be aware that all vehicles parked illegally, are subject to ticketing and towing by the Great Lakes Police at the owner's expense.

GENERAL SAFETY

Some general safety concerns for the warmer seasons are bicycle and pool safety. Residents are reminded that helmets are to be worn at all times when operating a bicycle in any family housing area. Cyclists are bound to all of the same rules of the road as motor vehicle operators are with regards to their conduct and responsibilities. Swimming pools for small children are also potential safety hazards. Children should be supervised at all times while using yard pools. These pools are restricted to not more than 6 feet in diameter and 18 inches in depth. Pools are to be kept clean and the water is to be removed from them daily. Only the rubber above-ground pools are permitted in family housing.

TORNADO SEASON

April through August is normally the time of year when we may experience tornados. There are several sirens to warn us throughout Great Lakes. Consult your Family Housing Handbook or contact your area manager as to the specific details with regards to evacuation procedures, places, and emergency weather information on radio stations.

PET CARE

Pet care is an important issue anytime of the year and takes on a different perspective during the warmer months. Dogs are to be leashed in the back yards of family housing units and leashed in such a way so as to not allow the dog to go into a neighbor's yard area. Dog feces must be picked up on a daily basis and discarded in a safe and sanitary way. Dogs and cats are not to be allowed to roam free in the family housing areas. All pets must be registered through the Naval Station Animal Warden's office within 1 week of accepting quarters. Vaccinations for pets can be obtained at the Great Lakes Veterinary Treatment Facility. Warmer weather creates the necessity to ensure that pets, especially dogs being kept outdoors, receive an adequate supply of water and are not left outdoors for too long of a period of time. Pets should not be left outside during periods of extreme heat or severe weather. It is the pet owners responsibility to care for their pets, failure to do so could jeopardize the resident's pet privileges, and also the health and safety of the pets themselves.

Fort Sheridan and Glenview News

By Bob Caselli

Fort Sheridan/Glenview Area
Housing Manager

FORT SHERIDAN HOUSING OFFICE CLOSED

Closure of Fort Sheridan Family Housing Office Building 378. All occupied residents quarters were notified of the closure of the Family Housing Office effective 1 March 2005 by flyers issued out on 23 February 2005. Our new location is Building 8100, (Family Welcome Center), 1710 Cavin Drive, in the Forrestal Village family housing area. Phone numbers for Housing Manager, Robert Caselli is (847) 688-3440, ext 116 or Dennis Lebeau, Area Manager, (847)-688-3440, ext 106.

PLAY AREAS

With spring approaching, children spend more time playing out of doors. Please remind your children not to play in or around the streets or parking areas. Remember, the military member is responsible for the actions of his/her dependents. This includes windows broken with baseballs, cars dented or scratched by tricycles or any other damage to government or personal property. Lets have fun, and play safely.

TRASH COLLECTION

Please place trash at curbside between 5:30am - 6:30am, Wednesday morning. Residents are reminded to place their trash in the 90 gallon cans provided by the contractor or in tied plastic bags. Please return your cans and bins to storage areas by the end of collection day. Do not store trash cans and bins in the front or side of your quarters.

BICYCLE HELMETS:

As required by Naval Station, Great Lakes instruction, all bicyclists must wear a bicycle helmet when riding onboard Fort Sheridan and Glenview property.

YARD SALES

Residents do not need any special permission to hold yard sales. However, please DO NOT tack yard sale signs on trees or utility poles. Tacks and nails cause damage to these areas. Residents are responsible to remove all signs after their sales are over.

Family Housing dumpsters relocated near DRMO

The four dumpsters that are located on Mississippi Street, near the Defense Reutilization/Marketing Office (DRMO), are for family housing residents only. A valid ID will be required to obtain access to this area.

Glenview

Dumpsters are located on the West side of the family housing building.

Regular scheduled trash pick up for Great Lakes family housing residents is every Friday. Glenview and Fort Sheridan trash pick-up dates are every Wednesday. Residents are reminded to place their trash curbside between 5:30am-6:30am on the day of pick-up. Family housing residents should only use the dumpsters on days other than their regular scheduled trash pick-up day.



Announcing

Naval Station Great Lakes

Family Housing Department

Yard of the Month Program 2005



The Yard of the Month Program is scheduled to start this summer. This program will begin during the month of June and go through December. All family housing areas are included (Great Lakes, Fort Sheridan and Glenview). This is our way of providing recognition to you for your efforts in enhancing your yards.

Dates are as follows:

Nominations Due

June 21

July 19

August 16

October 18 (Halloween)

December 13 (Holiday)

Judging

June 23

July 21

August 18

October 20

December 15

Awards Presented

June 27 - July 1

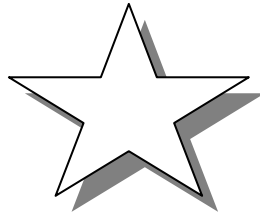
July 25 - 29

August 22 - 26

October 24 - 28

December 19 - 23





**GREAT LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION
OPERATION EDUCATION JUVENILE CURFEW ABOARD NAVSTA**

Citizens,

I am constantly asked “What are the curfew hours on NAVSTA, and what are the affected age groups?”

NAVSTA (Complex 2) Instruction 1754.5 establishes specific rules for self-care and the supervision of children while on station. This instruction does not address juvenile curfew. However, the following regulation is the guidance from the Navy Family Housing Handbook:

“Juveniles UNDER the age of 17, unless accompanied by an adult or engaged in a business or occupation authorized by the laws of Illinois for a person under 17 years of age to perform, shall observe the following curfew hours:

Between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am on Friday and Saturday and between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am Sunday through Thursday.”

This closely mimics Illinois Law (720 ILCS 555/0.01), which states that. “It is unlawful for a person less than 17 years of age to be present at or upon any public assembly, building, place, street or highway at the following times unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian. Between 12:01 am. and 6:00 am. Saturday and Sunday, and between 11:00 pm. and 6:00 am., Sunday through Thursday. It is unlawful for a parent, legal guardian or other person to knowingly permit a person in his/her custody or control to violate subparagraph (a) of this Section.

Any minor who violates this policy will be detained by the Great Lakes Police Department until a parent, guardian or sponsor assumes custody. Repeated violations may necessitate a referral to Family Advocacy, DCFS or revocation of command sponsorship for the family housing entitlement. Remember, military members are responsible for appropriate supervision of their minor children at all times.

For additional information, please contact Sergeant Bruce Adams, Great Lakes Police Departments Crime Prevention Office @ (847) 688-3440, ext. 118.

Remember “Prevention is everyone’s responsibility”



2004 Christmas Season Holiday Winners



Fort Sheridan

HTC Robert Norman, wife Margo, son Christopher, and daughters Melanie and Stephanie.



Glenview

ABFC Gary Ravens and wife Kelly.



Forrestal Village

SW1 James A. Jones, daughter Natasha, and son Jerome.



Glenview

FC2 Rito Baca and family.



Forrestal Village
FC2 Michael P. White, wife Amber,
son Brandon, and daughter Mikyla.



Fort Sheridan
RPC Stephen T. Sullivan, wife Lyn and family.



Forrestal Village
DC2 Michael E. Jones, wife Cassie,
daughters Carli and Sherri.



Fort Sheridan
CPT Kerry Thompson, wife Sally,
son Brian, and daughter, Alison.



Glenview
SGT Anita Hunter and family.



Forrestal Village
GSM1 Donald A. Dionne, wife Gemma,
son Nicholas, and daughter, Vanessa.



Forrestal Village
MM1 John B. Crownover and family.



Mainside
CPT Michael H. Anderson, mother Audrey, and Sister, Lynn.



Forrestal Village
FC1 Robert W. Thomas and wife Holly.



Forrestal Village
FC1 Gary A. Kelley, wife May, and family.



Halsey Village
GSE2 (SW) Michael J. Myer, wife Andie, son Tommy, and daughter, Kim.



Fort Sheridan
MAC Sven Hunt, wife Jennifer, daughters Whitly, Kiley, and Alexy.

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